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MEMORANDUM:

Subject: Discussion between [ ] concerning the move of the CACCOLA training school to the United States.

1. The essential outcome of this discussion was the impression given by [ ] that DOB would assume full control of training and of the instructors and agents from NTS who come to the States. [ ] stated his position explicitly as a person who had no use for the "Fascist NTS" organization, and whose experiences with AEROFOIL had strengthened this opinion. He also mentioned [ ] as a man whom he trusted quite a bit and would like to work with.

2. [ ] suggested that when he went to Europe that he contact [ ] in reference to the CACCOLA school move and this was immediately stated as being unfeasible due to our present method of handling NTS relations and the fact that we were not of the opinion that [ ] would have anything to do with the move of the school and this discussion would cut across lines that we have maintained in our continuing relations with the group.

3. A safehouse large enough to accomodate 20-25 personnel is available and waiting some 50 miles from Washington. There is a Ukrainian couple now in residence as caretakers and it was suggested by [ ] that they be retained to maintain discipline and run the safehouse. No objections by SR/3 were made at that time---though certainly felt by the case officer---but when mention was made that we have two wives of trainees to serve as housekeepers it was accepted that the Ukrainians could be used elsewhere. A maximum of four vehicles can be made available, one of which would be constantly at the call of the Commo instructor. Food, entertainment, sports' equipment, and occasional parties will be supplied from DOB funds, and some liquor which will be made available at the discretion of the Senior Case Officer.

4. The salary paid to the agents will take care of all expenses which they incur, including movies, drinks, and other entertainment away from the safehouse area. The minimum number of case officers will be one for every two agents while away from the training area. If there are twelve agent candidates, as has been estimated by the field, this will require ~~more~~ availability of at least six case officers for weekend trips, should all agents leave the area at the same time.

5. DOB practice is to accept a case officer from the Branch, and full control of the case officer is held by DOB. A Senior Case Officer name was passed to [ ] on a piece of paper as a possibility for the school but was not offered to the others present until some preliminary negotiations take place. [ ] has stated that by the process of elimination the field had stated that the best person for this position would be [ ].)

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6. Clearances will be handled by DOB on the basis of requests forwarded to them by SR/3. ~~Th~~ (This would imply that all communications with the field would be done by SR/3 and the information transmitted to DOB.) All details of immigration will be DOB's responsibility and SR/3's function will be that of coordination.

7. CAPABLE 14's health was discussed with these points being made:

- a. The doctors in the field have already been high pressured in one case into certifying health of a very sick individual, who is now in a sanatorium being rehabilitated at great expense to CIA.
- b. A four month's investigation followed this incident in an effort to pin the blame for this incident on some one person.
- c. Pending further information from the field, decision re CAPABLE 14 will be held in abeyance.

8. All requests made of DOB by SR/3 must be transmitted in the form of memoranda. This is the only way to assure action and oral requests are frowned upon. Major [ ] stated that action will be taken on all memoranda within a reasonable time or any delay will be explained.

9. SR/3 will be able to come in to DOB at any time, maintaining liaison with [ ] in order to ensure continuous coordination. All action taken by DOB will be coordinated with SR/3.

10. At one point in this discussion [ ] stated that the money for salaries, etc., would be handled by DOB and payment to the agents and instructors be made by the CIA case officer. Our field practice of paying the NTS chief representative and having him distribute the salaries was explained but no explicit agreement was reached on the subject.

11. The following ~~SECRET~~ questions should be answered during and after the initial visit to DOB Headquarters to be made in the near future by SR/3 personnel.

- a. Who controls the operation.
- b. Planning of operations and support planning.
- c. Missions- Negotiations of missions with NTS.
- d. Training- Personnel.
- e. Continued logistics support of S/H and training.
- f. Recreation and S/H discipline and security.
- g. Final staging of operations.
- h. Liaison with the field.
- i. Accessibility of the S/H to SR/3 personnel
- j. Clearances of all personnel.
- k. Assessment of agents in the field and here.
- l. Future clearances and operations run with the NTS.
- m. Who pays for transportation - Project or DOB funds

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